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1. Bialystok: The headquarters of a division was billeted in ul. Warszawska 17. There were about 2,000 Soviet troops in the town, billeted in all the larger buildings.
2. Horoszcz (10 km from Bialystok)

A motor unit was stationed here, strength approximately 6,000 men. Heavy tanks were seen.
3. Zambrow: An armored brigade was stationed here.
4. Small Soviet units were quartered in the small towns and larger villages of the Bialystok, Sokolka and Augustow rural districts. Roads were controlled by mobile MVD units.
5. It was reported that the Russians were storing large quantities of arms and ammunition in Zarow (Sorau) near Zagan (Sagan) and in Luban (Lauban). These dumps were excellently camouflaged. The arms and ammunition were concealed in dense thickets where special installations had been constructed for this purpose. Strong parties patrolled this area at night, and a notice board displayed the warning that persons approaching these areas were liable to the death penalty.
6. A Soviet Air Force unit (approximately 250 men, mostly pilots) was billeted in the barracks of the former 14th D.A.K. in Bialystok. They were training on the Bialystok airfield. There were about 100 aircraft of various types on this airfield.

[] Comment: 14th D.A.K. is the former Polish 14 Division Artylerii
Konnej (14th Division Horse Artillery.) 50X1-HUM

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1. Early in February the Czechoslovak Army conducted field tank tests with the Russian T34-medium tank and the American Sherman. The trials were held at the Army proving ground at Milovice, 16 km northeast of Prague.
2. Final reports which went in to the General Staff commented upon the simplicity of construction and easy maintenance of the Russian tank compared with the American but that, in anti-tank fire trials, the superior maneuverability and speed of the American tank made it a considerably more difficult target to hit. The report contained the proportion six to one, that is, that the Russian tank could be hit by stationary anti-tank fire six times for each time the American tank was hit.

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